

# Women's Activities

By MARY VONDERAHE

## Cochran-Krohn Exchange Vows In Church Ceremony

Mrs. John Krohn, of New Brunswick, N. J., has announced the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth Sidonia, to Mr. William Henry Cochran, of this city. The ceremony took place earlier this month in the Church of the Nativity.

Mrs. Cochran attended eastern schools and was prominent in the activities of St. John the Baptist Church in New Brunswick. She took active interest in the affairs of the Catholic Daughters of America. Until her departure for California, she was employed with Merck & Co., Inc., of Rahway, N. J., in the capacity of executive secretary.

Mr. Cochran was recently discharged from the United States Army Air Forces having completed four and a half years, 33 months of which were spent in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. He attended schools in Harrison, Ark., and prior to his induction was a Columbia Steel employee here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have purchased a home at 1606 Amalpa ave., where they will be at home soon after the first of the year.

### MRS. HASLAM VISITS RELATIVES, FRIENDS

Mrs. W. H. Haslam left this week for Dos Palos where she will attend the 25th wedding anniversary of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard. En route she will visit with friends and relatives in Fresno and upon her return she will be accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Haslam and son Skipper, of Firebaugh.

## 203RD CLUB REPORTS ORGANIZATION PLANS

The recently organized 203rd club, for young residents of Pueblo, reports the election of the following officers: Alfonso Ordaz, president; Freddie Solis, vice-president; Gloria Flores secretary and Jessie Ordaz, treasurer.

A project of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, under the Community Chest agencies, Miss Agnes Fladung, supervisor, reports keen interest in the club's activities.

A committee meeting held each Monday evening with a dance or other social affair scheduled for each Friday evening constitutes the present program.

On Friday, Dec. 14, dancing was enjoyed at the newly constructed Pueblo hall from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock. Admission to the dance was canned food for war relief services. Tomorrow evening the club members will enjoy "Las Posadas" presented at Padua Hills, depicting the Mexican Christmas story.

The following members' names have been entered on the club roster:

Alfonso Ordaz, Jessie Ordaz, Freddie Solis, Ruben Ordaz, Oscar M. Escobedo, Angie Martinez, Rudy Flores, Nellie Rios, Tommy Grande, Artie Martinez, Tommy Torres, Alice Duarte, Robert Alcala, Dolores Valencia, Josie Reyes, Ramona Delgado, Ignacia Delgado, Virginia Acosta, Margaret Duran, Leo Castillo, Richard Hermingillo, Virginia Comou, Dora Duran, Irma Herrera, Gloria Flores, Conchita Grajeda, Gilbert Duran, Mike Martinez, Rosie Arellano, Rosa Rodriguez, Solomon Vidal, Gilbert Rojas and Victor Ordaz.

## Festive Party For Club Members Enjoyable Affair

Among the enjoyable Christmas affairs was a progressive party Saturday evening for bridge club members and their husbands which began at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Roberts and concluded with breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Felker. Dancing and an exchange of gifts were features of the festive evening.

Those present were Mrs. and Miss. John W. Beeman and C. E. Easley, Messrs. and Mmes. Edward Rhone, F. E. Lessing, M. W. Hinshaw, R. J. Ashley, Jackson S. Moore, Roberts, Felker, Mrs. Mildred Harder and William MacFaden.

### DAUGHTER IS BORN TO HENDRICKSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hendrickson, of 1218 El Prado are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Loretta, born Dec. 11. The baby has a brother, Larry three and a half years old.

### AT DESERT RESORT

Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Laughon have returned from Death Valley, where they were guests for several days last week at Furnace Creek Inn.

## PTA Council Meeting Reported Enjoyable Affair

"Love your children, set a good example and leave them alone," Mrs. Arthur Crum, 10th District chairman of the Child Guidance Clinic, so stated at Friday's meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council, held at Fifteenth St. school. "Help them to develop character and remember every child feels the need for love, security and success."

An intensive campaign to raise \$200,000 necessary to build the new 10th District health center building in Los Angeles will be conducted throughout the district from Feb. 1 to June 1. "Match our membership with dollars" is the slogan to be used.

The 154th anniversary of the Bill of Rights was commemorated Dec. 10 as an observance. Mrs. O. I. Johnson read the preamble and the first ten amendments to the Constitution.

Mrs. George Simmons, Child Welfare chairman, gave a report on Christmas activities of the Council. Dolls and toys are needed for the Child Guidance Clinic. These toys are needed in play therapy.

"Bells of Christmas" was the inspirational message given by Mrs. Willard Buchanan, home service chairman.

She also called attention to the table displays and decorations, which incorporated ideas given at the recent Home Service conference, conducted by 10th District.

Mrs. Randall Munch, press chairman, gave instructions for making the record books. Mrs. John Garner, president, in her report of the district board meeting, stated that emergency relief is on the upswing.

One hundred twenty-nine parent education classes are sponsored by the P.T.A., it was reported.

Mrs. M. L. Thomas introduced Lester Kaems, principal of the hostess school, who welcomed the guests.

Local associations and their representatives were Mrs. Herbert T. Markham, Fern Ave.; Mrs. Don Wolf, Torrance Elementary; George P. Thatcher, Welteria; Mrs. Eldredge Walker and Mrs. Cherie Coates, Harbor City; Mrs. W. H. Nansel, Orange Street and Mrs. Rhetta Nelson, Lomita Elementary.

### INFORMAL PARTY AT MENDEHALLS

Members of the Shamrock Club were delightfully entertained at an informal Christmas party arranged last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mendehall.

Dancing and games followed the presentation and exchange of gifts from a decorated tree. Toasted marshmallows and other foods cooked at an open fireplace were enjoyed by the group. Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Pryor, Floyd DeVore, Kenneth Kall, William Coburn, William E. Coburn, George Shelton and the hosts.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Floyd E. Scott, 1939 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita; Sarah Salvador, 851 Conbenton, Baton Rouge, La.

Phelen W. Ragel, U. S. Navy; Joyce P. Brooks, 1754 Arlington, Torrance.

George D. Fales, Jr., 1520 W. 203rd, Torrance; Colleen R. Spangler, 240 Del Mar, Vallejo.

William H. Cochran, 24317 Lucille, Lomita; Elizabeth S. Krohn, 36 Aabel, New Brunswick, N. J.

Pat Parker, 6761 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood; Mabel Gardner, 20526 Hawthorne, Torrance.

James R. Skovgaard, 20609 S. Vermont, Torrance; Margaret J. Catterdorff, 335 E. Ninth, Long Beach.

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## Yuletide Hospitality

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Beeman entertained at dinner at home for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rodifer, of Los Angeles and Mrs. W. A. Dawson and Miss Julie Stefan, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gordon, of Santa Monica.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston dined at home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Miller and Sharon Jane.

Dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Laughon were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fisher, and Mrs. Alice Litman and son, all of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mendehall entertained members of their families at dinner at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melville's guests were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reiman, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lincoln's holiday dinner guests were their house guest, Miss Nona Randolph, of Sacramento; Sgt. Barry Dance, just returned from service in China; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parrminter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haskell and Patricia, all of Brentwood.

The Miles family enjoyed a dinner party at the Los Angeles home of her aunt, Miss Lydia Kellam. Places were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles and his mother, Mrs. Della Moon, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miles and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hutcherson, and children, all of this city; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adams, of Hermosa Beach and Mrs. Jennie Adams, of Redondo Beach.

The G. E. Middletons entertained on Christmas Eve for Lyle W. Smith, M.O.M.M., 2/c, and Mrs. Smith and Glenn, who arrived from Imperial Beach; Mrs. John Ricci and children, Eloise, Shannon and John Robert, Jr., all of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. William Kilgore and Mrs. Shirley Redd, all of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Quimby were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield Herries, of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall, of Arcadia; Mrs. John Kay, Miss Barbara Quimby, (on vacation from University of California at Berkeley) and Bobby Quimby.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Jain entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frances Jain, of Escondido and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Bobby and Dorothy, of Bellflower.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Felker's guests were Mrs. C. M. DeFouri, of Redondo Beach; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Felker of this city, and Mrs. Lenore Chapman, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen and family joined a family party of 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grow, of South Gate.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Stevenson entertained on Christmas eve for their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Colombo, Janeane and Danny; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith and Steven and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dye.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashley and family were entertained at the Santa Monica home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rasmussen.

At Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull's home covers were arranged for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Brown, of Ontario; Dean Barkdull recently returned from Merchant Marine Service and another son, Gary, a student at Southern California Military Academy, at Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Obole and their daughter, Mrs. Erich Lillenthal, dined at home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Phillips and daughters, Margie, Joan and Patty of Crenshaw Park spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Phillips, here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bradford and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Steinhilber were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hodge, of Lomita, where they joined a family group of about 30 Christmas Eve. The Bradford home was a setting for an intimate breakfast and exchange of gifts Christmas morning and later in the day the Torrance families returned to the Hodge home for dinner where covers were placed for 15 family members.

Enjoying dinner at the Robert Nuckel home were his mother, Mrs. Marie Paour, their son Tom, an air crewman on leave from San Pedro; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paour, Nadine and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Paxton, of Gardena entertained at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paxton and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. James Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith and Mrs. Eva Paxton and grandson, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willon are making their home temporarily with Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lappi, following the sale of their Beaumont ranch home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Post was a festive setting for a family reunion when for the first time in many months all members of their family celebrated Christmas together.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands dined at home. Their guests were their sons-in-law and daughters, Messrs. and Mmes. Harold Woodman and Patty Lou; O. W. Moorman and Margeta of Welteria; Eugene Giles of Hollywood; and their grandson, Kenneth Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Melz entertained at a family dinner party at their home on Andrew ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Page's dinner guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Page and Edford.

Dining with Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cowan and children, Mary Lee and Howard, Robert Peckham and Mrs. George J. Peckham, Jr.

Mrs. Tilla Walters, of Long Beach and C. S. Nix, of Ontario were dinner guests at the C. C. Patterson home.

### Capt. R. E. Scott Takes Lovely Bride In Chapel Rites

The marriage of Captain Robert E. Scott, Jr., to First Lieutenant Helen Weber, R.N., of Long Island, N. Y., was solemnized recently in the lovely hospital chapel at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Following a wedding at New York the bride returned to White Sulphur Springs to await discharge from service and her bridegroom, on terminal leave, left for Berkeley to enter the University of California where he will complete his studies in business administration.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Scott of 1229 1/2 Cabrillo ave., in the bridegroom is the holder of the Order of the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Service Unit Citation and three battle stars. He had served in Italy with the 346th Battalion of the 91st Powder River Division and was seriously injured in action in April, 1945.

Before he entered service he was a student at University of California at Berkeley where he was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He served on the football managerial staff for three years. He is a former employee at Alcoa and Doak Aircraft Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott will be at home at 2326 Howe st., Berkeley.

### JEANNE JESSOME AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Christmas motif was followed for the attractively appointed party given Thursday afternoon to celebrate Jeanne Jessome's ninth birthday when her mother entertained at their home, 1727 Gramercy ave.

Following a game period, prizes were presented to Bobby Hopkins, Eddie Palmer and Phil Todd. Birthday cakes and other refreshments were served at a festive table to the honoree, her sister, Betty and Donna Lee Jackson, Donnie Mann, Bobby Hopkins, Janet Carol Robleson, Jimmie Palmer, Adele Curtiss, Phil Todd, Jerric Mae and Judy Adams and Basil Brady.

### AUXILIARY REPORTS GALA PRE-HOLIDAY FETE

Members of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 American Legion were guests of the auxiliary at an attractively appointed dinner party held recently in St. Andrew's Guild Hall.

Miniature snowmen were favors. Bibs, inscribed with names of movie celebrities and movie celebrities were worn by hostesses and guests caused much hilarity when wearers failed to use and answer to their "names" and were penalized.

During the evening Santa Claus distributed gifts to more than 70 auxiliary members and their guests.



JAMES G. SHIDLER In Army Sign Painting Business

## James G. Shidler, Lone Marine, Five Japs Operate Sign Shop

By S/Sgt. Robert V. McMenimen A Marine Corps Correspondent

Operated by one Marine and five Japs, the sign shop at Second Marine Division headquarters here has produced an estimated 5000 signs since the Quartermasters began the occupation of Nagasaki, Japan.

The lone Marine in charge of the shop is Pfc. James G. Shidler, 28, of 1310 Manuel ave., Torrance, Calif. A former aeronautical engineer, Shidler entered the service Sept. 3, 1943.

"I had never painted a sign in my life before we landed here," Shidler said, "but we needed a sign shop, and I was elected. I found a place to work, but didn't have any materials. I had to beg, borrow and steal everything I needed."

The demand for signs in Nagasaki has been tremendous, there were, of course, no English signs on the scene when the Marines arrived. Buildings, offices, yards, streets and work shops all had to be identified. Orders for directional signs.

"We weren't prepared to produce signs in Japanese when we landed," Shidler said, "but one of the Japs working for me knows a little English, so between the two of us we manage to get the signs painted. That Jap, incidentally, is a restaurant owner in town, but the atomic bomb left him with only a dining room. The kitchen's gone."

Four of the Japs working with Shidler don't know a word of English, yet they work from seven until five every day painting English signs. They do their work from rough copies prepared by the Marine and his English-speaking assistant.

THAYER VISITS Oliver Thayer, former Torrance high school reporter for the Torrance Herald, paid a visit to the school on Friday while he is on his vacation from Stanford University. Thayer is enjoying college life while he prepares for a career as a lawyer.

AN ENJOYABLE Christmas skit was presented by the 4th grade children of Mrs. Kernaghan's room. This was followed by an address by Rev. Ruckman of the Torrance Methodist church who used as his topic, "Watch Us Grow." Mrs. Baldsley, local piano teacher, then favored the group with a piano solo.

A history of popular Christmas carols, presented by Mrs. Quigley's sixth grade students, preceded caroling by all present. The meeting was closed by a prayer led by Rev. Ruckman. Refreshments were served.

### METHODIST WOMEN PLAN ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Clyde E. Ruckman will open her parsonage home Thursday, Jan. 3 at 1:00 o'clock for the first meeting of the year of Women's Society of Christian Service.

At the business meeting, to be conducted by Mrs. Alice Palmer, annual reports will be given by the treasurer and the circle chairmen. The program will begin with devotions and a pledge service by Mrs. Ruckman. Mrs. Lucille VanDeventer will speak on "Peace Through Stewardship." Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Ruckman, assisted by members of Circle No. 1. This meeting is for all women of the church and will afford a delightful way to become acquainted.

The meetings of Wesleyan Guild and Circle No. 3 have been postponed to Tuesday, Jan. 8. Circle 3 will meet Thursday, Jan. 10.

## Torrance High Salutes Its Stage Crew

The stage crew of the Torrance high school has come in for much praise and commendation from those in which they have worked in recent stage productions.

Ralph Demmler, teacher in woodshop and stage craft, who designed and procured all the material for the recent senior play, "The Rear Car," has led the group of unstung heroes in their endeavor to buck the cast with stage craft.

Demmler also selected and designed all the props for the recent presentation of the Christmas Cantata, "Petit Noel." The boys behind the scenes include: Stage Manager George Larson; Property Manager Bob Thomas; Light Managers John Ericson and Doug Woolver; Curtain Tenders Eugene Williams and Joseph Rodriguez.

Stage hands who attended are: Albert Waller, Jim Standifer, Eddie Bernasconi and Harold Landerville.

## Class Parties Featured At Torrance High

Christmas season was launched at Torrance high school by many class parties. The faculty enjoyed a pleasant tea in the home economics dining room.

Entertaining were Harold E. Perry, principal; Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal; and Olin Hoyt, school counselor.

A spectacular display in the school trophy case was arranged by Miss Pat Anderson, teacher of art, in the main building. The Home Economics Club, under the direction of Mrs. Madeline Urquhart, arranged a lovely nativity scene in the science building show case.

Students who arranged the display were Dolores Thomas and Lenore Murphy.

## Townsend Club No. 1

By LOTTIE WADE

Pyrrance Townsend club No. 1 will hold their regular meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 28, in the Men's Bible Club hall. There will be games with prizes for high scores and a door prize. Also refreshments and dancing. The Christmas party was attended by a nice crowd, regardless of the rainy evening. The period of games was short because of the gift-exchange, singing and tap dancing and to afford ample time for consuming the generous donation of both nines and apple pie given by the ladies.

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